GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Rats in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received any complaint with regard to the rat menace in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Railways thereto;

(c) whether complaints regarding biting by rat while travelling in Mangala Express from Ernakulam to Nizamuddin have come to the notice of the Railway Authorities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Railways has asked its zonal railways to keep the surroundings neat and clean so that such incidents do not occur in future and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Some complaints and references are being received regarding presence of rats in passenger coaches. Complaints/suggestions, whenever received, are acted upon appropriately by Railways and suitable corrective action is initiated to prevent its recurrence. Passenger coaches are given pest & rodent control treatment at prescribed periodicity in coaching depots.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Yes, Madam. Railways have been advised to carry out pest & rodent control treatment in coaching complexes, passengers yards, station buildings and other service buildings at terminals and all important stations enroute and to ensure thorough cleaning of drains and garbage dumps.
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